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Application Number.....09/769,917
In re Application of.....Noriaki MATSUI, Nobuo MATSUOKA, Toshio HAYASHI,
Junichi KISHIMOTO, Katsuhiko ISHIDO, and Satoru KIJIMA
Title of the InventionIMAGE READING APPARATUS, COMPOSITE
APPARATUS USING THE IMAGE READING
APPARATUS, AND CONTROL APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR THE IMAGE READING APPARATUS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 23, 2004

Dear Sir,

The Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment dated March 23, 2004. Please amend the application in the following manner. For the Examiner's convenience:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment;
- **Remarks** begin on page 12 of this Preliminary Amendment; and
- **Authorization** to charge additional fees to a Deposit Account is on page 13 of this Preliminary Amendment.